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SUBJECT: MATTI GOLAN ON U.S. PEACE PLAN

1. AFTER WRITING EXTENSIVELY MAY 25 ABOUT THE DETAILS
OF "THE AMERICAN SETTLEMENT PLAN FOR THE MIDDLE EAST,"
HAARETZ'S MATTI GOLAN RETURNED TO THE SUBJECT AGAIN ON
MAY 26 REITERATING THE FACTS OF HIS STORY IN THE FACE OF
AMERICAN DENIALS. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF GOLAN'S
ARTICLE OF MAY 26.

BEGIN TEXT

2. DESPITE THE DENIALS VOICED YESTERDAY, THE PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE AS WELL AS THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT
ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR AN OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT,
WORKED OUT BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT--AS WAS ALSO
REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S HAARETZ. IT IS LEARNED THAT
THESE PRINCIPLES WERE DRAWN UP BY THE SENIOR
ECHELONS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND ALL THE SIGNS
POINT TO THEIR HAVING BEEN APPROVED "AT THE TOP"
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BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO ISRAEL'S ATTENTION.

3. THE EXPLANATION FOR THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROPRIATE
REACTION UPON RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT LIES IN THE
FACT THAT THE RECENT ELECTIONS AND THEIR OUTCOME HAD
TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT PARALYZED THE WORKINGS OF
THE GOVERNMENT. THIS PAPER'S CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD

BY A SENIOR SOURCE THAT NORMALLY SUCH A DOCUMENT WOULD AROUSE AN IMMEDIATE AND VIGOROUS REACTION ON ISRAEL'S PART. THE PRINCIPLES AS WORKED OUT BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE BASED UPON ALMOST TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, IN TWO STAGES. THE SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO HAVE STUDIED THE VARIOUS PARAGRAPHS OF THESE PRINCIPLES ARE BOTH SURPRISED AND DISMAYED BY THEIR GREAT DETAIL. ONE SUCH OFFICIAL STATED THAT ISRAEL HAD HAD NO IDEA THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT CONFINING ITSELF ONLY TO PRINCIPLES, BUT WAS ALSO CONCERNING ITSELF WITH EVEN MINOR TECHNICAL DETAILS. IN THE OPINION OF THESE SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO HAVE STUDIED THE REPORT WHICH REACHED JERUSALEM, THE WEALTH OF DETAIL INDICATES THAT IT IS WASHINGTON'S INTENTION TO AIM FOR A SPEEDY RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE THOROUGH EFFORTS INVESTED IN THIS DOCUMENT SHOW THAT THE U.S. IS MAKING PREPARATIONS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS NOT ONLY REGARDING THESE PRINCIPLES BUT IN RESPECT OF PRACTICALLY ALL THE SPHERES IN WHICH THE SIDES ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER A STALEMATE. AS FOR THE DENIAL VOICED BY THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY, THIS REPORTER LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT THE REPORT CONCERNING THE PRINCIPLES DRAWN UP BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT HAVE REACHED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL, PERHAPS BECAUSE THE REPORT WAS INITIALLY MADE TO ISRAEL VERBALLY, AND ONLY SUBSEQUENTLY PREPARED IN DOCUMENTARY FORM.

4. AT ANY EVENT, SENIOR OFFICIALS IN JERUSALEM ARE
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CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLITICAL PARALYSIS WHICH PREVAILED IN THE CAPITAL, PREVENTING A SUITABLE REACTION BY ISRAEL ON THE PRINCIPLES BROUGHT TO HER KNOWLEDGE. THEY NOTE THAT THESE PRINCIPLES WERE AFTER ALL SUBMITTED TO ISRAEL IN ORDER THAT SHE REACT TO THEM. A DELAY IN VOICING AN APPROPRIATE REACTION COULD PREVENT CERTAIN CHANGES, WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, HAD THE REACTION BEEN PROMPT AND TO THE POINT. END TEXT.
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